Minutes of the
DESY Customer Meeting
held at CMS, February 25, 2003

Attendees: Phone/Video: Dan Lee (GAO), Sandy Callard, Philip Tedeschi, Carl
(University of Michigan), Debra Caldwell (ResDAC), (Mathematica Policy
Research), Dr. Miriam Campbell (Boston Regional Office), (Advanced
Mathematical), (Philadelphia Regional Office), Sky (OI), David Phillips, Erin
Fratangelo (Albany, NY OIG), Larry Lavoie, Claudia Bullock (Kansas City
Regional Office)

CMS: Russell Hendel, Susan Hart, Walt Dunick, Rosemary Thommen, Neil Gittings,
Alberta Dwivedi, Karen McCoy, Helen Nolt, Jatti S. Rao, Gary Stubbs, Roseanne
Dean, Linda Moscoe, Dan Babish, Cheryl Morris

VIPS: Karen Garrison, Don Flohr, Mike Friedmann, Cheryl Mitchell, and Michelle
Berman

Opening Statement

Susan Hart, Director of the Division of Data Access and Business Intelligence,
opened the monthly meeting for Jack Fletcher by welcoming everyone. She
announced that the meeting would be recorded for note taking purposes. The main
topic will focus on the operational issues associated with the upcoming
release. Don Flohr will go over these in detail.

* Currently building our interface with the PAD (Privacy Accountability
Database) requirements including how PAD will be notified of DESY jobs, how PAD
will notify FTAPE and how we will release the tapes to everyone. This
requirement will be met by April 14, 2003. All government agencies must be able
to provide requested information if beneficiaries come in to ask who we
released their information to and what information was provided. We are
developing a database of which DESY will be its primary source at least with
this initial release. We are trying to build the interfaces so that other
sources can be accommodated within PAD. This is also linked to FTAPE. We must
by law be ready to release on April 14, 2003.
* We are also building an interface with another mainframe application, ReMAS,
to allow them to automatically submit requests at the end of their batch
process. ReMAS is a system that will identify HIC numbers when Medicare should
have been the secondary payer. ReMAS gives DESY the HICANS to pull specific
claims for further research. The future includes electronic interfaces with
other systems including HCIS which performs trending and analysis.
* PAD and ReMAS may be outside the release. The next release of DESY will
include making more DSAF files and functions available through DESY including
MEDPAR, Denominator, Name and Address and Vital Stats files. We are not
changing the process behind it. We are making it accessible as it exists today
through DESY. It enables us to get into a better position to eliminate DSAF
although we still have a number of steps to go. It increases our ability to
audit the requests for these particular files which links back to PAD
disclosure. A lot of DSAF files now use EDB. When EDB is brought over to the
DB2 format, we can still use this front end to get to the new database itself.
Bringing the access to the DSAF files over to DESY brings all the processing of
those jobs under production control. Jobs in DSAF are not under production
control.
* We are changing references of HCFA to CMS and will incorporate the logo name
changes and design changes. Possible target release date in April.

* We are still not running any jobs against NMUD. Still testing and working with the DBAs and IBM to optimize both our processing and the NMUD database. No release date has been determined.
* Current status of requests in DESY. Outpatient SAF requests pending. 2002 requests problem reported missing data from five state segments. Email will go out explaining the problem and resolution. The data was extracted properly but a merge process failed and read the wrong tapes. 2001 NCH requests slightly behind because of tape problems.

Questions

* RESDAC experienced a problem logging into the system. We have resolved the problem and looking into the cause.
* David Phillips, Albany NY asked when will 2001 NCH requests will be completed? We have to recreate the tape and it will take a day or two to get back to where we left off. Hopefully within the week the jobs will be processing again. If you want to get an update on your requests, you can use the DESY comments feature. Please include your request id numbers and we can provide a general idea of where your requests are in the process.

Reminder that the next customer meeting will be the last Tuesday of March at 11 am.
Minutes of the EDES Status Meeting August 21, 2001